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Thai D. Nguyen *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/227,881

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Filed: January 11, 1999

Group Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: Schultz, James D.

For: *Nucleic Acids, Kits and Methods for the
Diagnosis, Prognosis and Treatment of
Glaucoma and Related Disorders*

Docket No.: 16491.066

Interview Summary

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary mailed September 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following summary.

Telephonic Interview, in Attendance:

Assistant Examiner: James D. Schultz

Registered Patent Agent: Joseph W. Ricigliano

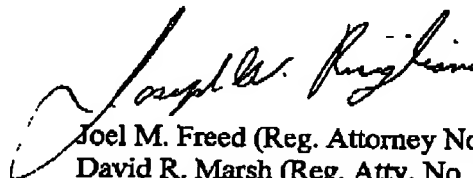
- 1) Exhibits: None
- 2) Claims Discussed: None.
- 3) Cited Art Discussed: None
- 4) Amendments discussed: None
- 5) Summary: The Examiner contacted Applicants' representatives regarding the relationship of SEQ ID NO: 3 and SEQ ID NO: 34. Applicants' representatives indicated that based upon computer generated alignment of the two sequences it was their understanding that SEQ ID

NO: 34 was a fragment of SEQ ID NO: 3, and that the sequence were identical over the length of SEQ ID NO: 34. A copy of the computer generated sequences alignment of SEQ ID NO: 3 and SEQ ID NO: 34 listing the program and parameters employed for the alignment, which indicates 100% identity of SEQ ID NO: 34 with nucleotides 1-5271 of SEQ ID NO: 3, is attached. In the computer generated alignment, SEQ ID NO: 3 has been labeled as "Sequence 1" by the program, and SEQ ID NO: 34 has been labeled as "Sequence 2."

6) Other Matters: None

7) General Result: The Examiner indicated that as SEQ ID NO: 34 was a fragment of SEQ ID NO: 3, claims to both sequences would be examined in the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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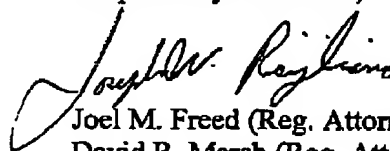
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The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. an Interview Summary.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16491.066.

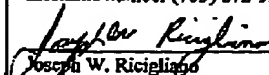
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